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**MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

SUBJECT: DoD Office of Inspector General Policy on Trafficking in Persons

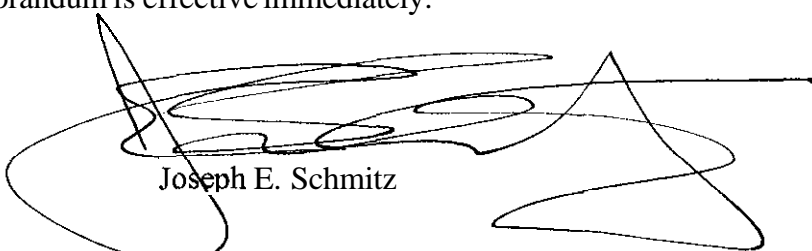
References: (a) Inspector General Policy 2003-13, "DoD Office of Inspector General Policy on Human Trafficking," June 16, 2003 (hereby canceled)
(b) through (i) See continuation sheet

Purpose: To revise Reference (a) and promulgate the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Defense Policy on Trafficking in Persons in accordance with Reference (b), as implemented by Reference (c).

Statutory Duty and Regulatory Responsibilities: Section 2(2) of Reference (b) directs the Inspector General "to provide leadership . . . for activities designed (A) to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of, and (B) to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in, such programs and operations [of the Department of Defense]." References (d) and (e) were enacted "to combat trafficking in persons, a contemporary manifestation of slavery whose victims are predominantly women and children, to ensure just and effective punishment of traffickers, and to protect their victims." The President issued Reference (f), which according to an accompanying unclassified Fact Sheet, is designed "to advance the United States Government's fight against trafficking in persons, a modern day form of slavery."

Policy Guidance: It is the policy of the Office of Inspector General to carry out the letter and the spirit of the Inspector General's duties under Section 2(2) of Reference (b) by providing leadership, via OIG audits, inspections, and investigations, to assist the Department of Defense in identifying and eradicating any intentional or unintentional DoD complicity in the promotion of trafficking in persons, both at home and abroad. Trafficking in persons, as defined in References (d) and (f), is antithetical to the core values of the Office of Inspector General. We neither condone nor turn a blind eye to it; pursuant to Reference (g), all in authority throughout the OIG shall be vigilant in inspecting the conduct of those placed under them, directly or indirectly, to ensure that this immoral practice is not countenanced in any way. Additionally, in accordance with References (h) and (i), the Office of the Deputy Inspector General for Inspections and Policy will devise systemic methods for evaluating DoD efforts to combat trafficking in persons as a part of an ongoing evaluation and inspection program.

Effective Date: This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately.


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REFERENCES, continued

- (b) Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended
- (c) Inspector General Policy 2003-28, "Inspector General Act Implementation and OIG Policy Guidance (Rev. 1)," November 7, 2003
- (d) Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000
- (e) Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003
- (f) Trafficking in Persons National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD), February 25, 2003 (classified)
- (g) Inspector General Policy 2003-27, "Office of Inspector General Leadership Standards (Rev. 1)," November 7, 2003
- (h)** Deputy Secretary of Defense Policy Memorandum, "Combating Trafficking in Persons in the Department of Defense," January 30, 2004
- (i) Secretary of Defense Policy Memorandum, "Combating Trafficking in Persons," September 16, 2004